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Chris Pieper remembered

Chris brings the community together, one last time

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

Chris Pieper beamed when she got a call from her new boss to say she'd be living in a shack on a rig site.

Working hard and roughing it was right up her alley.

A week into her training, everything was going just fine, but then suddenly something went very wrong and a bad fall left the 23-year-old Didsbury woman clinging to life.

She was transported by STARS air ambulance to a hospital in Calgary where she died the next day, just two days before Christmas.

Chris's death has left her family, friends, and an entire community devastated.

"I can't believe in 23 years the people she's affected," said Chris's mom Karen Pieper.

"She cut a pretty wide path."



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Then she got a job at the Town shop where she really felt at home. The guys at the shop adopted her as their kid sister, offering her financial and mechanical advice and playing pranks like flipping her parking sign upside down and duct taping a blown up photo of her in a dress (a rare sight), too high for her to reach it and tear it down.

Despite their teasing, Chris's dad Art said, "she just thought the world of those guys."

The feeling was mutual.

And for everyone else who knew Chris she no doubt left her mark.

"I've been a lot of places where nobody even knew I was there," said Karen.

"I don't think she ever was anywhere where nobody knew she was there."

One of Chris's greatest attributes was that she never judged anyone.

"You felt bad if you judged because she didn't," said Karen.

She remembers after a hockey game meeting a friend of Chris's who had piercings "everywhere" and she left thinking she really liked this person, despite first appearances.

"I was really proud of myself," said Karen.

"She taught me that – to look beyond and see what's on the inside."

Last spring Chris left the Town and decided to get her Class One licence.

After just the minimum hours of instruction, Chris took the test and passed.

She couldn't wait to tell her dad that she got her licence in one go when it took him two. That was a prime bragging right.

Her brother Mike remembers Chris's first day behind the wheel.

"They stuck her in a truck her first day and she had to drive this truck and trailer out to Taber. Never done any driving other than just the driver course," he said.

"But anything you threw at Chris, she took it head on."

And if you ever told her she couldn't do something, she'd prove you wrong. She was determined from the start.

Playing baseball as a kid, she couldn't quite get the ball to second base, so she would drag her dad outside, pace out the distance and throw the ball, throw the ball, throw the ball, until eventually she got it to second base.

That was Chris.

And she wasn't afraid to try anything. Even cliff jumping at 13 years old, when her brothers were afraid.

"None of my other children were brave enough and here's this little girl, climbing up to the top and jumping right off without a second thought," said Karen.

Chris will be remembered for her toughness, but also as a fun-loving girl who was always good for a laugh.

"She could turn nothing into something fun," said Chris's twin sister Kim.

There was the time she and her best friend Amy held a man by his feet as he fetched the keys they'd dropped down a grate, in exchange for the \$6 the girls had in their pockets.

Or the time she talked Kim and her boyfriend Justin into "borrowing" caps off someone's wheels to replace the ones she'd lost.

"They're using Kim's leatherman – she had her own leatherman, but broke the



blade on Kim's – and she's standing there while these guys are doing all the dirty work," laughed Karen.

She liked to hand people tequila shooters, watch them squirm and tease them for not being "tough enough" to handle it.

"I think that's half the reason she liked tequila," said Justin.

Whether at work, out for wings or playing hockey, Chris was always on the go, and was forever saying "gotta jet."

"You'd be visiting and she'd say, 'gotta jet mom,' and she'd be off," said Karen.

Every spare minute she got, Chris was all about hockey, hockey and more hockey.

After taking a year of figure skating lessons, she convinced mom and dad that hockey was more her speed.

At Christmas gatherings while the other girls played Barbies, Chris could be found playing hockey with the boys.

Her love of the sport just grew from there.

"Her boss said she never asked for time off, never complained or asked for much, but a few weekends ago when she wanted to go to a tournament in Whitefish she was very definite that she was having that weekend off," said Art.

"That's just the way it was going to be, and he just smiled when he told us that."

Chris's new job on the rig site was all a part of her "master plan" to save up enough money to go backpacking through Australia for a year.

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The feeling was mutual.

"That was the prize in front of her," said Mike.

It was all she thought about (besides maybe hockey).

And it was important to her that she do it alone because that was the best way to meet new people.

"A lot of us can go to a party and sit in the corner, but not Chris," said Karen.

"I don't think she wanted the centre of attention, she just wanted to meet people and wasn't afraid to, and did. That's why she wanted to go on her own."

To those who knew her, Chris was the person who brought other people together and she did that right up to the end when her family carried out her wishes to donate her organs.

Her lungs went to Edmonton, her pancreas and kidney to Calgary, her heart to Vancouver (where she always wanted to go), and her liver to Halifax to a high status patient who was expected to die Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

As Chris's mom sat beside her hospital bed, she thought "what a horrible Christmas this is."

But while she would have given anything to have her daughter safe at home for the holidays, she now takes solace in the fact that because of Chris, five other people got the best Christmas gift they could have hoped for.

And those words that she heard so many times, ring clear in her ears: "Gotta jet mom."

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www.knox-united.com.

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Corner Hwy 582 & 20th Ave. Phone 335-3629

Website www.zeme.org

Colin Creighton, Youth Pastor

Christine Little, Children's Ministries Director

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Worship Celebration 10:45 a.m.

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Didsbury, Alberta

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Pastor Elwin Garland

For more information ph 335-4451

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AG FOODS
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Sleddog races postponed

Committee hoping for February snow

BY JODI STYNER

Didsbury Review

"It becomes very frustrating trying to keep people on track, volunteers and spectators."

The race committee met last week to go through options and decided not to take a chance on Jan. 13.

"We have people coming from a long way away and we wanted to give them ample warning that we are moving the races," said Windsor.

They had considered a date later in January, but there is no snow in the forecast for next two weeks, so they wanted to play it safe.

"Hopefully we'll get the snow and it will go in February, and if it doesn't then we'll regroup and take another run at it for another day after that," said Windsor.

In the meantime, everything else is ready to go.

There's just a little more trail work that needs to be done, but they need snow to do that.

Christmas tree recycling made easy

BY JODI STYNER

Didsbury Review

Once again For Trees and the Didsbury Lions Club are teaming up to recycle Christmas trees.

Just bring your tree, free of tinsel and metal, to the old bus barns beside the Town Operations office and a food or cash donation for the Mountain View Food Bank.

The rest will be done for you.

For Trees owner Gerard Fournier said the reason he does the annual tree chip off is that it's a good green thing to do.

"It gets Christmas trees out of the landfills which is environmentally pointless," he said.

Fournier says living Christmas trees are better for the environment than artificial ones for a lot of reasons.

Trees grown on a plantation produce oxygen, purify

the air and take less energy to produce than an artificial tree made of plastic and metal.

And they're easier to recycle.

"Far and away a live Christmas tree is better and this is a way to prove that they can be easily recycled locally," said Fournier.

The trees recycled this year will be turned into woodchips and then used as mulch down at the Fournier's tree farm.

For Trees teamed up with the Lions to help the food bank.

"The Lions have a very successful food drive in September and we thought right after Christmas is a time when the Mountain View Food Bank's supplies are depleted because of Christmas," said Fournier.

The chip off takes place Saturday, Jan. 6 from noon until 3 p.m.

There will be free hot chocolate and you can sneak a peak at the Lions playhouse to be raffled later in the year.

Anyone requiring a tree pickup can call Gerard at 994-0094, and he will arrange for it to be picked up for a donation, but they prefer people to bring their trees in on their own if they're able.

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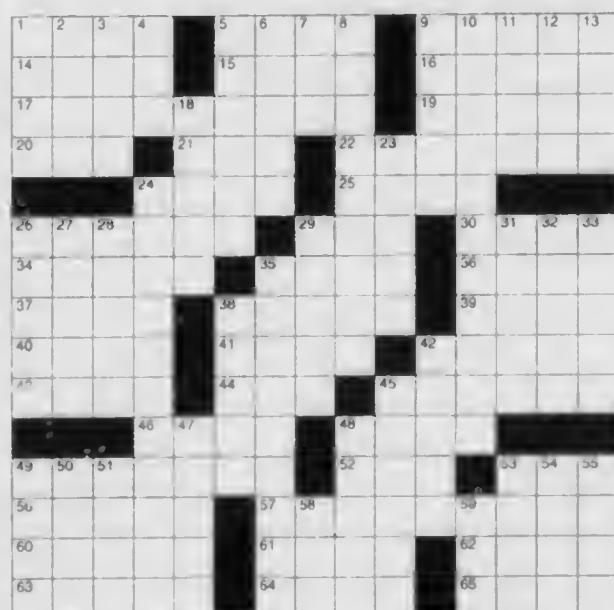
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SNOW PLACE LIKE THE BUTTE — There is no place like Didsbury's Butte for Lachlan MacGowan, 8, and his friends who came to town from Carstairs for a day of tobogganing on Thursday because, "this hill rocks."

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- da Inn: hotel chain
- mina: fine goat wool
- Dowager
- African country
- Tooth ailment
- Russian lake
- Organisms that live on hosts
- Put forward for consideration
- Don't know when yet (abbr.)
- Midway between north and northeast
- Conceived ideas
- Contains a plant embryo
- Small mountain lake
- Worked the soil
- Dab
- Weight system for precious metals
- Duck valued for soft down
- Satisfy to excess
- Italian capital
- The African Queen
- adapter James
- The largest asteroid
- California county
- Gordian
- Brews
- Ancient units of measure
- Posted
- Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- Celestial body
- God of fire (Hindi)
- Where Wm. the Conqueror was buried
- Discussions between enemies
- Self
- A male sheep
- King of Magadha
- Enola Gay destination
- Lays clay
- Something that is carried
- Centen: humiliation
- Retains
- Native Am. people along the Colorado
- Federal job safety law

CLUES ACROSS

- Acknowledgment (abbr.)
- dezebel's husband
- Hare-like rodent of Argentina
- DOD programming language
- Caused hurt
- Played a role
- Reference to a female
- Waivers
- Suitor
- Fights on foot with small arms
- Skilled in hand movements
- Double curve
- City electoral district
- Facial expression of scorn
- Palm fruits
- Coaxed
- Mountain summits
- Charles Joseph, Prince de
- UK cinema chain
- Cut off outer covering
- French city
- Shaded colors
- Leavening agent
- In an egotistical way
- Carnival worker
- Margarines
- An Asian temple
- Toothed machine part
- Indonesian island
- A trodden track
- European owl genus
- Coil
- Bony barbecued meat
- Nursemaid
- Tortilla and tamale dough
- An informal debt instrument
- Vietnamese currency unit

*Solution in next week's
Didsbury Review*

Passport please

Travellers warned of flight restrictions

BY STEPHANIE MYLES
For the Review

Central Albertans flying to the United States will need a passport to enter the country in the new year.

As of January 23, 2007, all visitors and U.S. citizens alike must present a valid passport.

United States officials have also stated all travellers arriving by land or sea could need passports as early as 2008.

Kari Olsen, a travel consultant at Vista Travel in Olds, said she doesn't think the new requirement will be a big issue for most travellers.

"I think most people have heard enough about it that they're aware of it and they just know they need to get one," she said.

"They know lineups are long, for the most part, and just make a day of it and get in there and get it done."

Olsen said most people she talks to already have a passport because it's the recommended form of identification for travellers.

Norene Harris, also of Vista Travel, said she's more concerned that people know about travel restrictions even when they already have a passport.

"Our biggest concern is how long it has to be good for after you return," she said.

"If you're travelling and your passport expires a month after you get home, depending on your destination, they may not let you go."

The new U.S. requirement is part of the country's Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative to "strengthen border security and facilitate entry into the United States for U.S. citizens and legitimate foreign visitors," according to the

"If you're travelling and your passport expires a month after you get home, depending on your destination, they may not let you go."

NORENE HARRIS
Travel Consultant

U.S. Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Canadian passport information and application forms are available at <http://www.ppt.gc.ca> or at any Passport Canada office.



EDITORIAL & OPINION

Neighbourly driving



As the flurry of holiday checkstops lifts, I'm left baffled by some people's reactions to them.

Yes, when you're in a hurry, being pulled over to have a flashlight shone in your eyes can be frustrating.

But as long as you aren't impaired, there's no paperwork involved like you might expect if you were pulled over for speeding, and you're on your way in less than a minute.

But whiners and complainers aside, it's the headlight flashers that really get me.

If I'm travelling 10 km over the speed limit on a highway and a driver coming in the opposite direction flashes his lights to warn me of a speed trap, I appreciate that.

It's a great neighbourly thing to do. I almost get a warm, fuzzy feeling inside thinking that we're all looking out for each other.

But when someone flashes his lights to warn me of a checkstop ahead, I have to shake my head.

It's taking a friendly gesture and turning it into an us against them thing, like the police are just power hungry brutes out to get us.

With that quick flash of the headlights, this guy is saying, "hey buddy, if you've been drinking, turn around now."

Or barring that option, pop a breath mint and practice your "no officer, I haven't been drinking" line a few times.

I'm sorry, but if I'm driving drunk, I deserve to get caught.

In fact, I should be caught and taken off the road because I made a conscious decision to use my vehicle as a potential weapon.

If there's a checkstop ahead, I would hope people would let the police do their neighbourly thing to keep our roads safe so that those people who aren't driving drunk have a better chance of making it to their destinations safely.

And now that checkstop season is slowing down, I would hope that if a driver sees another vehicle swerving in and out of its lane, he won't just drive on past and give a neighbourly wave.

I would hope he'd report the vehicle. It's just common sense.

Jodi Styner

POUNDERINGS OF THE HEART Why me?

BY MARGARET FRADLEY
For the Review

Many times as we share with others we just might hear "why me?" when things are going badly, when trials hit us, unexpected moves come up, or when difficulties seem to overwhelm us.

We all face difficult times throughout our lives and it is then we are tempted to say "why me?", but as someone once put it, "why not me?"

However, the thing I want to stress this morning is that when the sun shines brightly, things are going smoothly, our plans have worked out just right, and our health is good, how often do we hear, "why me?"

When we ponder this thought it makes us stop and think, "yes, why me?" when our lives are going smoothly, our families are settled and well, and yet we tend to take it all for granted, this is a sad thought for me.

There have been times in all our lives when our first reaction may be "why me" when things are going badly, but let us take heart, recalling the good, remembering the many times things turned out much better than we expected.

Have a great week. Why us!!!

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COMMENTARY

Challenges ahead for provincial cabinet

The members of the new provincial cabinet will be expected to go above and beyond the call of duty in the weeks and months ahead, according to Premier Ed Stelmach.

Appointed a day after Stelmach was sworn in as Alberta's 13th premier, the new cabinet contains many members who supported Stelmach's leadership bid – and doesn't contain a number of high profile former Klein cabinet ministers.

The new cabinet will be facing some very big challenges in the period leading up to the next provincial vote, which must happen by 2009 at the very latest.

In a letter sent out to his new cabinet, Premier Stelmach called on his new team to pull together immediately.

"As I have said many times during the last several months, we do not own the right to govern – we earn it," said Stelmach. "Integrity and openness will be at the forefront of

how we conduct ourselves and how we accomplish our goals. As a government we must accomplish our goals in a manner which ensures accountability to those who have placed their trust in us – Albertans."

While he must immediately put his stamp on the new cabinet, Stelmach will also have to deal with the related fallout that has already been generated by his choice of cabinet ministers.

Specifically, a number of the high-profile former Klein cabinet ministers who were left out of the Stelmach cabinet have already expressed displeasure with the way of things.

Sundre-area MLA Ty Lund said he was "very disappointed" with what he called a "Ralph Klein purge."

"I'm very disappointed to be booted out, get a slap in the face and booted out," said Lund, who had been in cabinet for 13 years before being booted by Stelmach. "It's so unprofessional that it is pathetic. It's going to reflect very badly on

the Conservative government."

Another former cabinet minister, Gary Mar, has expressed concern with the makeup of the new cabinet itself.

Mar has expressed concern that Stelmach didn't find room for any visible minorities and that he appointed only two women.

"For two women out of 18 – that strikes me as being insufficient," Mar reportedly said. "For four ministers from the two major centres of Calgary and Edmonton representing 2.1 million people, and then having 14 represent another million people strikes me as being not balanced."

And of course the new cabinet will also have to face the wrath of two opposition parties that are hungry to make their mark in post-Klein Alberta.

Whether the Stelmach ministers will be able to "earn the right to govern", as the premier is calling on them to do, in the face of so many challenges remains to be seen.

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Celebrating 100 years of broadcast radio

Christmas Eve marked anniversary

BY STEPHANIE MYLES
For the Review

This Christmas marked the 100th anniversary of the first entertainment radio broadcast, and amateur radio operators are celebrating.

On Christmas Eve, 1906, Canadian inventor Reginald Fessenden broadcast a short speech, played a record and performed "O Holy Night" on his violin.

"You hear about Marconi but you don't hear much about that man and he was a pretty good inventor," said Stewart Munro, a vet-

eran amateur radio operator in Olds and the town's emergency radio co-ordinator.

"They'd been doing it by Morse code but by voice, that's different."

To mark the anniversary, Canadian amateur operators, known as hams, have been authorized to use special event prefixes on the air.

"It's just like you using a special name for yourself," said Munro.

He said ham radio operators compete for awards based on the number of stations they've worked, so

"You hear about Marconi but you don't hear much about that man and he was a pretty good inventor."

STEWART MUNRO
amateur radio operator
radio broadcasting,

Fessenden was born in Quebec and raised in southern Ontario, according to the Hammond Museum of Radio in Guelph, Ontario.

He also completed the first voice transmission by radio in 1900 and the first transatlantic two-way radio communication in January 1906.

Munro said it's important to recognize radio milestones because ham operators provide an essential service, especially during emergencies.

"We round up the hams that will participate if there's an emergency and I have a backup radio battery and I have a backup generator and I can go on the air if the power's on or not," he said. "Now, it's just a piece of cake. You don't have to learn the Morse code and they're multiple choice questions."

Ham radio operators are only allowed to transmit voices over the airwaves.

According to the Radio Amateurs of Canada, there have been over 50,000 amateur radio certificates issued in the country.



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HAMIN' IT UP -

Stewart Munro, of Olds, talks to other Ham radio operators in Virginia and Arizona on his high frequency radio 20m band.

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Outlaws 4-H Horse Club news

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Dean and Marilou have been doing a great job instructing the kids in English and Western horsemanship. The rodeo kids will get going this coming year.

We had a great time at our Christmas party which was held at Jon and Denelda Campbell's farm. There was a good time for all, including a wiener roast, sleigh rides, mmmches and a gift exchange.

Dr. Kate Sawford made a guest appearance at our business meeting to give us an inservice on equine dental care, which was appreciated by all in attendance.

We look forward to the new year where

we will be doing some fundraising with bottle drives and battery collections.

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Angela Pratt at 335-4435 and Karla Fruson at 335-9944.

January will also be busy with a multi judging clinic being held at the Rasmussen farm on January 7.

Prairie Partners will be joining us for a public speaking seminar held at the Rosebud Hall on Jan. 12 by Karlene Algra.

Our club will also be supporting the area multi judging which happens on Jan. 20 in Olds at the Cow Palace.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Submitted by Karla Fruson



New Year's Resolution

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- * To spend more time with family
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF DIDSBUY

AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
BY-LAW 98-08

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Didsbury has received an application to amend the present Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 98-08 as follows:

Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 071----,

formerly known as the Northern 72 +/- metres of Plan 1039JK

(1601-15 Avenue - former Mountain View County Administration Building)

The purpose of the amendment is to amend the present Land Use Concept Map A from RI (Recreation/Institutional/Public Facilities) to C (Commercial) to be in line with a proposed Land Use By-law amendment.

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be held January 9, 2007, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue.

The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Mayor, or her designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed By-law.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Written responses will also be accepted up until 12:00 noon January 9, 2007.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Municipal Development Plan amendments at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office (Planning and Development Department), 2038-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Robert Wigg
Planning and Development Officer

Affordable housing redefined

Land use amendment to meet provincial standards

BY JODI STYNER

Didsbury Review

secondary suites should actually make this type of housing easier to provide (at least legally).

But while he would like to boost the availability of affordable housing in Didsbury, he says it isn't easy.

"We will be bringing back to council in January some of the challenges we've been having to define what is a secondary suite and make it easier, but at the same time, following regulations," he said.

Councillor Ernie Ryckman said he was concerned that these changes may only serve to encourage residents to have illegal suites.

But Brown said he expects just the opposite and he is proposing that the addition of secondary suites to districts in town other than general residential only be reviewed through the LUB review scheduled to start this year.

An updated version of the LUB is expected later this month.



Photo submitted

The Didsbury Elks made their annual donation of toys to the hospital during the week before Christmas. Pictured are Lynn Martens, Public Health Nurse; Nancy Wilkinson, LPN; Deana Kobasiuk, RN receiving several bags of toys from Elks Exalted Ruler Bro. Bud Davies. We were honoured to have our National Leader, Grand Exalted Ruler Bro. Bill Ward, on the left, assist with the presentation.

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TOWN OF DIDSBUY

LAND USE BY-LAW 04-13

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Didsbury has received an application to amend the present Land Use By-law 04-13 Map Schedule A as follows:

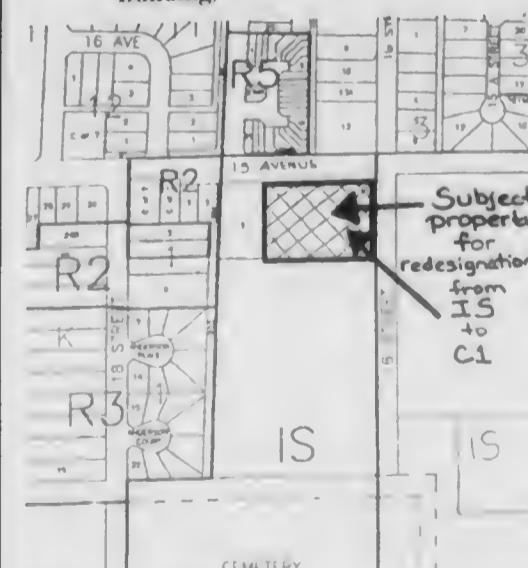
That portion of land known as:

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2007

DIDSBUCK REVIEW

AROUND TOWN

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

Friends & Fun will resume Jan. 4 at 1:30 p.m.
See you then - Happy New Year!

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

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Chip-Off - Jan. 6

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TUESDAY, JAN. 9

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TUESDAY, JAN. 9

A Public Hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. Jan. 9 in Town council chambers in regards to the impending sale of the old County building site on 15 Ave in Didsbury.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

Regular Town Council meeting will start at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

DEC. 10 - JAN. 23

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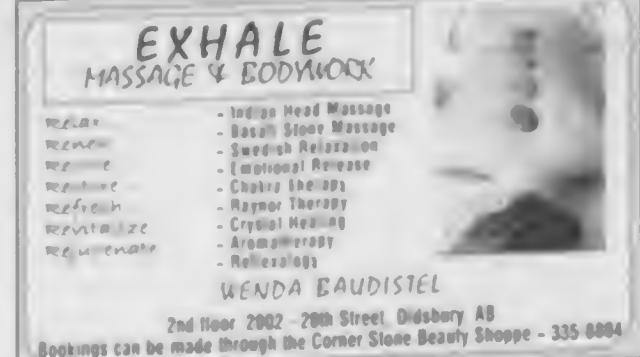
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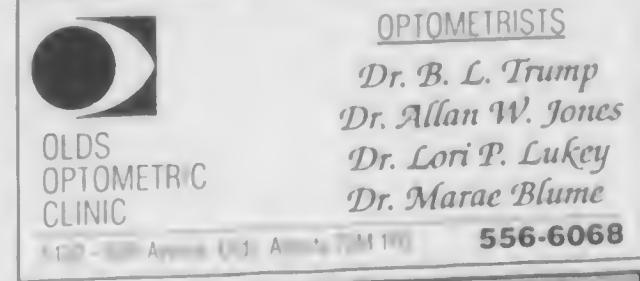
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For the Review

Joshua being tormented on the bus every morning on your way to school. Other children tease you and call you names. They hit you, poke you and scratch you. This teasing even follows you into the schoolyard.

You feel powerless. School is supposed to be your safe haven, but every day you're afraid to step on that yellow line because you know what is waiting for you.

This was the situation for 11-year-old "Josh" for as long as he can remember (name has been changed to protect his privacy). Bullying would make his life miserable until he was forced to leave school altogether.

"Mainly it was people on the bus and in the schoolyard making fun of whatever. Whatever they could get out people they used to say. 'I like you, they used to make. They used to say, 'oh you, or play you in' in

"There was also physical stuff, mainly in the playground sometimes right in front of teachers," he adds. "Just something little like pushing you or hitting you in the back of the head."

This harassment from his peers has been happening since kindergarten. Josh says sitting in his living room one afternoon, he talks openly about the constant bullying.

Once, when he was five or six, older students grabbed his arms and hung him off a ladder in the playground and threatened to drop him.

Another time, kids were mocking him on the school bus and one boy took a pen and scratched it across his face.

Josh says the attacks were always unpredictable. Kids pick on him because he is an individual.

"I'm short, skinny and in the arts, and I don't like sports. I dress differently. Just because I'm different."

His mom, "Rachel," agrees, saying that if you're not into hockey or rugby you're considered "different."

Scared out of school

Bullying victim speaks out about schoolyard harassment

Things began escalating when Josh began Grade 3. The students finally got so bad, he says, that he was afraid to come to school. Josh says he used to do things like climbing and swimming. But soon he was scared to even be around town by himself after school.

"It made me mad and it made me sick all the time," he says through tears.

"Did he ever tell the bullies to stop?"

"I tried but," his voice cracks and he trails off, unable to find more tears.

Finally, in desperation, Joshua's parents made the tough choice of taking him out of Chalmers High School. They were opting to home school him instead.

"It was really, really bad one day and I came home really crying my eyes out and my mom said 'ok, this has got to stop.'

Josh and his family tried other avenues before deciding to pull him from school. Rachel says they spoke to staff at the school, including the principal, but they "did nothing" to help her son. She says the principal told her the "bully" would be locked up, but a couple days went by and "we hadn't heard a word from them."

"They downplayed it," says Rachel. "We didn't feel like they took it very seriously."

When they found no help at the school level, Joshua's mom says they didn't bother going to the school board. She says she's never had satisfactory responses from them in the past when dealing with other children who were bullied.

"We tried to go through the formal process, and we never got any kind of response."

Rachel says they didn't want to pull Josh from school, but the bullying was making him depressed. He'd make up a variety of excuses - having a sore stomach or being too tired - so he could stay away from class.

"We were trying to make it but he wasn't happy," she says.

Didsbury's school principal agrees they want the students to feel safe at school, but believes the school can do nothing until the child must come forward. And they need to know the names of the students doing the bullying.

Josh admits that he wouldn't tell his teachers or principal the names of the kids harassing him. He knew who they were, but the fear they held over him forced him to be silent.

"You measured. If I stayed in school and my parents talked to the principal and the kids were suspended for a few days, they would have beaten me up after," he says. "If I hadn't been as scared as I was, they would have beaten me up. I know that and all the other kids know that."

Josh's friends finally told the principal who had been harassing him, once he had left school. Johnson said the students were properly disciplined.

But Josh questions the effectiveness of the punishment handed. He says when he returned one day to collect belongings from his locker, the bullies said they were going to "get him" because he got them into trouble.

"I feel that the detention system that they have doesn't work," Josh explains. "In the system all they do is they take off (the bully's) recesses and they don't have to go outside. It's not a punishment."

"In the winter I would like to have my recess taken away. In the winter, the kids just beat up whoever so they get detention."

Area schools have many preventative programs in place like the Roots of Empathy program to help children identify their behaviours and help them be problem solvers. It also gives them the skills to tell an adult if they are being bullied. She says the work staff does at school has been

successful.

School division superintendent Jim Gibbons agrees that local schools have shown significant improvement through programs to combat bullying.

"Is it eliminated? No. Is it everywhere? Also no," he says. "There's no place for bullying and harassment in our schools. To believe that it absolutely doesn't occur, either in schools or community, would be somewhat futile. To continue to develop programs that really help kids get along with each other, that becomes our focus."

He explains that satisfaction surveys the division conducts are a "big indicator" that most students feel safe at their school. When asked if students feel that their peers care about them, 82 per cent of respondents said yes.

"That's increased by six per cent over the last three years. Can it increase by another six per cent, yeah?" says Gibbons. "You just can't rest on that, if there's 18 per cent of the students that don't feel that way. We need to continue to address that."

Both Josh and his mom contend that there needs to be a fundamental change in the way the school division addresses bullying. Rachel says it's not fair that her son had to leave his school for his own safety.

"The system is entering to the lowest common denominator," she says.

Josh thinks it was unfair too. "I liked being at school. I had friends there. I was nice to as much people as I could."

He says now that he's away from all the harassment he feels more happy. But Josh is still saddened by the fact that nothing has changed for others like him.

"I'm still angry 'cause there are still lots who are being bullied. It's not going to stop until somebody does something. I know it's not," his voice cracks again and he pauses.

"That's why I'm doing this," he says this time with conviction in his voice. "I might be able to help other people who are still being bullied."

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PEPER

Chris Peper passed away suddenly Friday Dec. 28th Christmas morning at 8:30 AM. It came as a total surprise of her parents, Al and Karen Peper, who learned just 24 hours before her death that they were having a baby. Chris worked for the Town of Didsbury for five years. After giving her Child 1 lesson and taking a new job in the office. The group at the Towns shop had Chris make their group and friends have their names. She thought the names of the people were the most important. Chris had an office,秘书, teacher and more teacher. Her biggest goal was to have enough money to travel the world for a year. Chris will be remembered as a friendly, determined woman who was never afraid to try anything. She is survived by her parents, Al and Karen Peper, their sister Karen Joann Peper, two brothers, Mike (Julie) and Bryan Peper. Chris was pre-arranged by her grandfather Edward Hagen and grandmother Shirley Peper. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, Dec. 28th at the Reformation Lutheran Church in Didsbury. In lieu of flowers, monetary donations may be made directly to STARS or the Hagen Foundation.

SNYDER

Esther Diana Snyder (nee Dickau) was born at Didsbury, AB on October 31, 1919. Her parents Charles and Anna were both born in Nebraska and came to Didsbury as teenagers to work, first married in 1908 and raised their family on a farm 5 miles south east of Didsbury. Esther was the youngest of four children, Lawrence and Harold Dickau and Evelyn Schellenbach. She attended a country school, "Granite Centre", and was active in a local youth group that called themselves "The Northern Lights". Throughout her life these friends remained very dear to her. A neighbouring farm boy caught her eye and she became Mrs. John B. Snyder on April 6, 1943. John and Esther had 4 children, Murray, Marvin (Ruthie), Beverly (Doris), Dickau and Darryl (Lynda) and they have added 10 grandchildren and these have added another 9 great grandchildren. She had 8 nephews and nieces on the Dickau side and 52 on the Snyder side. John had 14 brothers and sisters. For ten years she was a cook at the Didsbury hospital and received many accolades for her ability to make hospital food taste good. She loved flowers and was renowned for the beautiful sculpted gardens around her home. She was also became a master of "Swedish weaving" in the last several years and all of her children and grandchildren have received some of her handiwork. She loved to travel and has criss-crossed North America, and had an extensive tour of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. She grew up in the Zion Evangelical Church and has been a member all her life. Her Christian faith was a quiet central core of her life - it provided stability for all of her activities and relationships. She was predeceased by her parents, brothers and her beloved sister "Lvie" and a grandson, Kent. The death of John in 2000 was very difficult for her - she missed him every day since then. Esther passed away at the Peter Lougheed Hospital in Calgary December 20th at 7:30pm at the age of 87. Her funeral was held at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury and interment was in the local cemetery. She will be always be remembered by her extended family and her many friends as a wonderful lady who unselfishly shared her love and kindness with all who crossed her pathway.

As a tribute to Esther Snyder, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements 403-507-8610

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garage, beautiful yard - Carpeted.



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NEW LISTING

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NEW LISTING

\$319,000

Beautiful kept 3 bdrm family home with
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NEW LISTING

\$319,000

5 bdrm family home backing onto the
RoseBud river..



ACREAGE FOR SALE

\$329,000

Large home on 2 acres, oversized garage/shop.
Well treed Mountain View.



NEW LISTING

\$329,900

Open, spacious executive living space.
Quiet cul de sac.



NEW LISTING

\$344,000

Unique quonset style 3 bdrm family home on
one acre. Open loft, natural wood interior, this is
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3.9 acres plus lease, barn, shop, etc.
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